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11. (SBU) Norway's MFA Legal Department Advisor Anita Bjorseth told PolOff December 22 that her department sent "small" suggested edits to the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Life, Security and Mobility Support to the MFA's Af/Pak section on December 18. She said most of comments she suggested throughout the text would be to ensure that it would not be a legally binding agreement, as specified in Reftel. Separately, MFA Af/Pak Director Ambassador Janis Kanavin told PolOff that his section was reviewing the draft MOU, and would provide a reply as soon as possible. He also said that Ministry of Defense and the MFA were discussing which ministry should be the signatory to the MOU. Comment: Post does not anticipate any significant Norwegian concerns or changes to the MOU. However, it is unlikely the MOU will be signed before early 2010 due to the holidays. End Comment.
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